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Chaplain Mark Williams



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www.armyonesource.com

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



Imelda Fisher

Chaplain (CPT) Mark Williams A big Fort Devens welcome to Chaplain Williams. He is the OIC for the Chapel at Fort Devens. Chaplain Williams has served in the Army Reserve in New England for over 12 years with assignments to the 368th Engineer Battalion as a battalion chaplain, the 94th Regional Readiness Command and the 99th Reserve Support Command as a Strong Bonds action officer, and the 104th Chaplain Detachment as the senior chaplain and commander. He recently returned from his first deployment with the 101st Airborne Division assigned to the Division Chaplain's Staff.

Chaplain Williams is in Room 8 in Building 683 every day from 0800-1630. Protestant worship services at The Chapel at Devens are held every Sunday at 1700 and every second Sunday of the month at 1100. Office Phone: 978-796-3652, Cell Phone: 603-370-7781 E Mail: mark.david.williams@us.army.mil

Education Office: The 99th RSC Education Office is now located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens in Rooms 328,326 and 324. Call Lee Achenbach at 978-796-2968. Services will include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

Fort Devens Mail and Distribution: Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours.0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

Taps Tavern: Hours of operation for Taps Tavern are 1600 – 2100, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Enjoy cold drinks, delicious snacks, sports events, X-Box gaming, music and much more. The TAPS Tavern is located in Bldg. 623, 42 Givry Street, Devens, MA.

FREE Movie Night at the Community Activities Center, Bldg. 623, shown in the main hall Saturdays. Be on the lookout for each Saturday's feature presentation.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Command Referral Program: AER Headquarters continues to assess our programs to ensure we are meeting the needs of Soldiers and their Families. A recent assessment of the Commander's Referral Program confirms that it continues to be an effective and expedient means of assistance while keeping the chain of command involved. In 2010, the Commander's Referral Program accounted for approximately 29% or \$15.5M of all assistance cases Army-wide. The Program has proven to be highly successful, embraced by Commanders, and recognized by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as being an effective means to combat payday lenders.

When the program began in 2005, the maximum amount of assistance was established at \$1,000. This amount was determined based upon the average loan being around \$850. Today, the average AER assistance exceeds \$1,000.

Effective 1 August 2011, the maximum amount a Soldier can receive through the Commander's Referral Program will increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The repayment period will be extended from 12 up to 15 months. Additionally, the total amount of the requested Commander's Referral loan plus any outstanding AER loan balance is increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500. All other conditions/requirements of the program remain the same

FINANCIAL

Money Quiz:

1. True or False: The average American family spends over \$1,200 on gifts during the Holiday Season.
2. True or False: People who co-sign a loan usually get stuck paying off the loan.
3. True or False: The average American has over \$125,000 in their retirement account.
4. True or False: Seventy-five percent of all credit card holders either pay off their credit card balances in full every month or pay more than the minimum monthly payment.
5. If you send in the \$25.00 minimum monthly payment on a credit card balance of \$1,000 charging 18 percent, your new balance will be \$975.
6. True or False: Debt consolidation is the main reason most people take out a second mortgage on their home.
7. True or False: Of 181 million credit card holders, 30 percent are delinquent and cannot pay their bills on time.
8. True or False: The average American family spends close to 40 percent of their annual food budget at vending machines, coffee shops, fast-food eateries, cafeterias and restaurants.
9. True or False: Seven out of ten U.S. households own their own home.
10. True or False: "Overextended on credit" is the most common reason cited for bankruptcy.

Answers: 1. False. The average amount is \$682. (National Retail Federation) 2. True. Three out of four borrowers do not repay their loans (Federal Trade Commission) 3. False. The average is \$35,200. (Federal Reserve System) 4. True (American Bankers Association) 5. False. Your new balance will be \$990. (\$10 of your \$25.00 payment pays down debt and the \$15 pays interest charges.) 6. True. (Wall Street Journal) 7. False. 6.7 percent are delinquent. (American Bankers Association) 8. True. (Statistical Abstract of the United States) 9. True. (U.S Bureau of the Census) 10. True. (Institute for Financial Literacy)

SOLDIER & FAMILY

FREE STAY For Our TROOPS

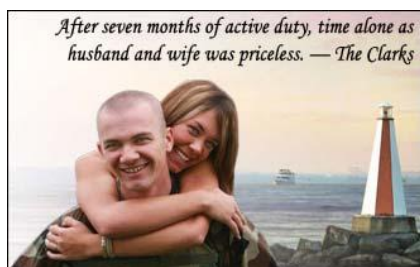


Sandy Cove Ministries has created Operation Oasis as a way to say thank you for the sacrifices made by our military. Our desire is that Sandy Cove would be an "oasis" for moms and dads and boys and girls – a place to rest and reconnect with one another after deployment.

Any service man or woman, including those in the Reserve and National Guard, returning home from deployment in support of OIF, OEF or Operation New Dawn can come to Sandy Cove with their immediate family for FREE! This includes comfortable accommodations in the Chesapeake Lodge or

Pioneer Campground cabins, all meals, recreation and program if scheduled. 5-nights for a family of four would normally cost up to \$2900, but through generous donations, Sandy Cove is able to offer this as a **FREE** gift to military families to help you bond together and relax in a Christian atmosphere. Call or email to reserve your room. Please identify your request as Operation Oasis.

1-800-234-COVE(2683) operationoasis@sandycove.org



After seven months of active duty, time alone as husband and wife was priceless. — The Clarks

CASTING CALL FOR "NBC's THE BIGGEST LOSER:" The NBC television program "The Biggest Loser" will be coming to the New York area for a casting call on July 30th. They are reaching out to military bases to let them know about this opportunity to get healthy and lose weight and if selected, to compete to win \$250,000! This is open to all military and their dependents. If you have at least 85 pounds to lose then they are looking for you. Applicants must be at least 18 years or older. For details and to apply, visit: www.thebiggestlosercasting.com

Military discount on charter boat fishing: Ocean State Outfitters Charter Boat Fishing in Rhode Island & Massachusetts 20% off for the military For more information log onto www.oceanstateoutfitters.com or call (401) 824-6440 or (508) 386-2789

Free Fun Fridays invites Massachusetts residents and tourists to visit designated cultural attractions every Friday during the summer months at no cost. No registration or tickets required. Just show up and enjoy!

AUG 5: INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, CAPE COD CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM, CONCORD MUSEUM

AUG 12: JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, ARNOLD ARBORETUM, TANGLEWOOD (BSO)
STONE ZOO

AUG 19: BOSTON HARBOR ISLAND, CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON, USS
CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

AUG 26: OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, NEW REPERTORY THEATRE, BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM, ECOTARIUM www.highlandstreet.org for venue locations and more information

Delta Dental: If you are having questions on Delta Dental on maximizing your dental program please click on the following link. <http://trdp.org/bl/press.html> Check out the web site (trdp.org) or call the toll-free number (1-888-838-8737) so people know how to get their questions answered.

Military Spouse Employment Website:

<http://www.msepjobs.com/skins/msep/home.aspx?AllowSSL=true>

Great Information for Deployment: In case you have families page 4 has a list of children's books for kids to read about separation.

<http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/familyreadiness/educationoutreach/HelpingYoungChildrenWithDeployment.pdf>

The Ride for Our Heroes is a true motorcycle enthusiast event honoring our Nation's service members, veterans and their families while raising needed funds for the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. Funds raised for the Home Base Program will provide clinical care to the many veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan affected by combat stress and/or traumatic brain injuries as well as counseling support to their families.

Join us on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in the Ride for Our Heroes. The Ride features starting points from locations throughout New England and will kick off with an opening ceremony and acknowledgement of local military heroes. The Ride concludes with a Rider Appreciation Party at Manchester Harley-Davidson in Manchester, New Hampshire. It is sure to be a great after-party for bikers and families. www.homebaseprogram.org/rideforourheroes



Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteranprograms.com/index.html> U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs is the first unique website dedicated to helping U.S. veterans discover the benefits they have earned. Complete details about service-connected compensation issues and important updates about veteran benefits as they occur. Also, services that help veterans gain quick and easy access to vital VA departments and information. We provide free and user-friendly resources for veterans and their family members.

THE EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES: Through the Employee Partnership Office (EPO), you can more effectively leverage your Military training and experience for career opportunities in today's civilian job market, having access to job openings with Military friendly employers in various industries across the country. The EPO job search engine is easy to use and gives Servicemenbers another tool to help them achieve their civilian career goals.

You local contact is: **KEN FORCHIELLI**, Contractor (Military Personnel Services Corporation) Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, 508-755-0173 Ext 2231, 910-728-3031 (BB)
Visit the Employer Partnership website at: www.employerpartnership.org or email at gethired@employerpartnership.org or call 1-877-450-HIRE (4473)

THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST

(Free Tickets) are available for the Indy Race Event. "A New Breed of Speed" comes to New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday 14 August 2011 for their only New England Appearance. At Speeds of 200 mph, some of the most fearless drivers in the world will bring heart-stopping, wheel-to-wheel racing back to New England. Join 2010 Indy 500 Winner and serious champion Dario Franchitti, Danica Patrick and Helio Castroneves as they battle on the 1.058-mile oval! Tickets are FREE and from Sandy Burson at 987-796-2126 at Fort Devens.

Topsfield Fair: Military Day, Tuesday, October 4, 2011. All active military personnel will be admitted to the Fair free of charge, along with their immediate family members accompanying them when they present their military identification at the gate. <http://www.topsfieldfair.org/index.php>

Bolton Fair, Bolton, Mass: Military discounts to the www.boltonfair.org Military personnel \$5.00 August 11-14, 2011.

TOPS IN BLUE RETURNS TO NEW ENGLAND : 10 August 2011 Get ready for a fantastic night of free entertainment. TOPS IN BLUE, the premier entertainment showcase of the U. S. Air Force comes to Wilmington on August 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shriner's Auditorium for one performance only! Admission is free. Tickets are not required. Seating is on a first come - first serve basis.

Coast to Coast Career Fairs: Boston Career Fair **Thursday, August 11, 2011** The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, 50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM FREE ADMISSION! Bring at least 20 copies of your resume, Dress professionally and be ready to interview. Come with a positive winning attitude – It will make a difference! Arrive at the Career Fair no later than 11 AM For more information, visit: www.CoasttoCoastCareerFairs.com

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

Judie King, ITT Manager, Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg 1530, 781-377-3262 <http://www.hanscomservices.com/> PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

Take a trip with us! – Registration deadline for all trips is 30 days prior to departure or space available.

Military Family Day at Six Flags New England – Will be on **Saturday, 6 August**. \$37 per ticket includes wrist band for admission and food at the Pavilion from noon to 2 p.m. Menu: hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, tossed salad, pasta salad, ice cream and Coke beverages. Fee also includes a parking pass.

Nantucket Spectacular – Will be held on **Saturday, 20 August**; \$75 per person; includes First Class Cabin ferry service to Nantucket, sightseeing time and round-trip transportation.

Red Sox vs. Blue Jays at Rogers Centre and Niagara Falls – Will be held on **Monday – Wednesday, 5 – 7 September**, \$289 per person double occupancy; includes luxury accommodations,

2 breakfasts at The Country Inn & Suites, field-level reserved seats for the Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game and round-trip transportation.

Foxwoods Casino & Captain Jack's Lobster Bake – Will be held on **Saturday, 10 September**, \$65 per person; includes lobster bake, Foxwoods Resort Casino Bonus (Festival Buffet Coupon or \$15 food voucher and \$10 Lucky Seven Keno) and round-trip transportation.

Six Flags New England – Tickets are \$30 each for anyone over age 2; gate price is \$34.99. Located in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Water Country – Tickets are \$28 for anyone 48 inches tall and seniors (65+) are \$24.99. Entry for children 2 and under is free. Located in Portsmouth, NH.

Canobie Lake Park – Tickets are \$26 per person. Purchase tickets for children less than 48. at the gate for \$24 and seniors (65+) are \$23. Located in Salem, NH.

York's Wild Kingdom – Tickets are \$14 per person, ages 4 and up. At the gate: 3 and under are \$4.75. Located in York, ME.

Story Land – Tickets are \$26 for ages 2 and up. Locate in Glen, NH.

Davis Farmland – Farmland ticket only is \$15 for ages 2 and up; gate price is \$19.95. Located in Sterling Massachusetts.

Old Town Trolley Tickets (Boston Trolley Tour) – Tickets are \$29 each for ages 12 and up; regular price is \$36 each. Child ticket is \$13 for ages 5-12.

Cinema Tickets – AMC movie tickets are \$6.75 for any show starting after 1800 that has been out for at least one full week.

Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute: now through Wednesday, 28 September - During the offer period, now through Wednesday, 28 September, 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets with or without options may be purchased by eligible service members (or their spouse, but not both), for themselves, their family and friends. 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets are limited to six per eligible service member. Those eligible for the program include: active or retired members of the U.S. military, including activated members of the National Guard and Reservists, as well as active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard. 3 ticket options available: 4-day Salute Park Hopper: \$138, 4 day Base Ticket with Water Park Option: \$138, 4-day Park Hopper with Water Park Option: \$165. The 3 options above are the only tickets offered through the Armed Forces Salute program. Tickets are not stocked at Hanscom's Tickets & Tours office. Orders may only be processed at Tickets & Tours Monday through Thursday from 0900 - 1530. You must order these tickets in person; your military ID must be verified before your order is processed. Other rules and restrictions apply; visit Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 1530 for Disney's Special

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

August 2011

Please Call 781-377-4222 to Register

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs) provide free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members, DoD civilians, and their

families – no records are kept. Call (781) 686-3084 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

JOB SEARCH LETTERS will be held August 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn what works best in today's cover letter and employment proposal writing – when to submit the right letter at the right time.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME WRITING CLASS will be held August 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a basic resume writing course. It covers how to write and format an effective private sector resume and cover letter. Federal resume basics are also discussed.

VETERAN AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW will be held August 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. **Appointment is required. Call the AMVETS Service Representative at 617-303-5698.**

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL will be held August 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Starting middle school is a big step and can sometimes leave children feeling uneasy or afraid. Learn how to help ease your child's transition and get off to a good start.

HEART LINK NEW SPOUSE ORIENTATION will be held August 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Welcome to the military family! Heart Link is a wonderful orientation workshop for any spouse married to a service member from any branch of the armed services who wants to learn more about military life. Our spouses are the heart of this great Armed Forces family and the lifeline behind your sponsor's success in the military. The Heart Link program will provide you with essential information you need to know to make your life in the Air Force exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding (and you'll win prizes!). Join us and we'll get started on our journey!

E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR will be held August 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Informational handouts will be provided. **Spouses encouraged to attend!**

MAKING EFFECTIVE DECISIONS will be held August 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The ability to make effective decisions reduces stress, increases effective communication and is a catalyst to success. This presentation defines problem solving and effective decision-making and guides participants through an eight-step decision making process.

TRANSITIONING FROM A MILITARY TO A CIVILIAN CAREER will be held Monday thru Friday, August 15 – 19. This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Plan to attend at least 6 months prior to separation or retirement. Dress is civilian attire (business casual). Spouses are welcome. **Seminar starts Monday at 12 p.m.** Tuesday thru Thursday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Register early.**

HEARTS APART will be held August 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. **at the Base Bowling Center.** Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members are invited to join us for an evening of

fun. We'll provide the food and drinks, just let us know how many will be attending. RSVP to 781-377-4222 or email 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil.

FAMILY WELCOME will be held August 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Attention newly arrived spouses! Are you interested in learning all about Hanscom AFB? Do you have small children and are unable to attend the regular Commander's Welcome? Then this program is designed just for you. Receive money saving tips and shopping information while learning about schools, recreation, local attractions, safety, security, education, employment and more. This is a fun, family-friendly event.

NEWCOMERS' PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION will be held August 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newcomers and family members are invited to learn how to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the "T." All you need is \$4 for subway fares. Bring your lunch or purchase downtown. This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members are not required to take leave to attend.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM IN WORK AND LIFE will be held August 24 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join Patty Marquis as she explores the concept of male and female self-esteem and how our self-perception affects us both personally and professionally. Patty will offer a practical definition of self-esteem and steps you can take to develop a more positive self-image.

FACING THE CHALLENGES OF DIVORCE will be held August 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Living through a divorce is a tremendous challenge that affects all facets of life. This workshop addresses the causes and the realities of divorce, how to forgive and how to help children work through the challenges so everyone can move on positively.

SOCIAL MEDIA IN JOB SEARCHES will be held August 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join the revolution! Learn personal and company tactics, how to write Social Media Profiles, do company research and avoid potentially damaging mistakes using LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.

FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only). Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. **Prior completion of the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS class or TAP Federal Employment Opportunities class is strongly recommended.**

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE sessions are held by appointment only. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. **Prior attendance at an A&FRC or TAP resume writing class is recommended.**

Family Advocacy Outreach

CELL PHONE COLLECTION: The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

WIC, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. * **WIC is located in Bldg 1507** *. **WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday** of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

First Connections- Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website www.firstconnections.org or by calling 781-287-0221.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

White House Internship for Veterans: This program is open to veterans of the Armed Forces who possess a high school diploma or equivalent and has served on active duty at anytime over the past 2 years. Although unpaid, it is the experience of a lifetime! The White House today announced that the application period for the prestigious White House Internship Program for Spring 2012 is now open. Applicants have until SEP 11th, 2011 to apply for a Spring 2012 White House Internship. The spring term runs from January 17, 2012 - May 4, 2012. Internships are full-time and unpaid however the experience is second-to-none. Participants will work as part of the Administration's White House staff and gain a wide range of experience in public policy and experience, first-hand, the functions of our Government. Please read instructions fully before applying, refer to the frequently asked questions page for additional explanations and contact the program directly with questions.
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/apply>

USA JOB: JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to www.USAJOBS.GOV and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site www.USAJOBS.GOV This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

Job Search: Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. <https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm>

Military Spouse Employment Tip of the Week: When applying for a job, state in your cover letter or application that you are a military spouse of an active duty service member who may be eligible for

the Military Spouse Internship Program. Spouses can apply for a federal job by visiting the USAJOBS website.

Job Opportunity: Pilgrim Food needs to recruit a couple employees. If you are interested please call Denice M. Blanchard, Human Resource / Accounts Payable, Pilgrim Foods, 68 Old Wilton Road Greenville, NH, 8603-878-2100 ext 205

<http://www.transitionjobs.us/> Click on "Search for Opportunities" at the bottom of the page. Jobs listed by state.

www.TransitionTalk.com has launched to create an online community with shared information and resources to help veterans who are in transition. This website contains specialized articles, recommended books and links for military transition. Also, there is a web log for Q & A that aims to provide the answers to military transition questions from Category Guides who are military and industry professionals that are eager to help veterans make a successful transition.

Website: Career Resources for Veterans: The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment. Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at <http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html>

<http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order>

Welcome to the Military Spouse Resource Center:

FYI. A useful link for those spouses that want to upgrade knowledge, skills and abilities and those who may want to enter the workforce as a result of spouse deployment.

<http://www.milspouse.org/>

The Military Spouse Resource Center (MilSpouse.org) is a U.S. Department of Labor sponsored web site designed to assist the spouses of U.S. total force military personnel. Our mission is to provide easy access to information, resources, and opportunities related to education, training, and employment within the United States. MilSpouse.org will be extending services to military spouses directly through this site and through partnerships with other organizations and the U.S. Department of Labor's local One-Stop Career Centers. Job Search Sites, Career Planning <http://www.worcesterworks.com>

Hanscom AFS: Resources <http://www.hanscom.af.mil>

Massachusetts Career Information System: <http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp>

Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117 www.wmoore@detma.org

Orion International: info@orioninternational.com

RELOCATION READINESS

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets <http://www.devens.army.mil> or call 978-796-3023

Moving and Relocation Information: Terrific tips to make moving easier.
<http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>

TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

FORT DEVENS SERVICES:

Police Services Division: Vehicle Registration and Fingerprinting
0930-1030 / 1500-1600 or By Appointment.

Police: 978-796-3333

Physical Security: 978-796-2061

Devens Legal: 978-796-2255

Education Office: 978-796-2868

Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Veterans Travel: 800-945-0535 or 402-345-7596

AAFES / Clothing & Sales: 978-772-6838 / 2065

Photo Section DA Photo: 978-796-2559

Fort Devens ID Cards 978 - 796-2130, Building 683

Billeting: Bldg. 978-796-3201

Distance Learning Center: 978-796-3612 / 2605 / 2626

Transportation: Passenger 978-796-2141/ or 2393 Freight 978-796-2832/ or 2840

Vehicles: 978-796-2141

UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION:

<http://www.uso-newengland.org/index.htm>

HELPFUL MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES:

Massachusetts Parks: www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm

Massachusetts Wildlife: www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw

State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder: www.qualitychildcare.org

Massachusetts Getaway Guide: <http://www.mass-vacation.com/>

Massachusetts's area Guides net: <http://massachusetts.ags.myareaguide.com/>

Boston and Local Area Concerts: <http://www.bostonconcerts.com/>

Boston Pops: <http://www.bso.org/>